IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sweeney, Patrick J.

Title: MODULAR CANNULATED TOTAL JOINT PROSTHESIS

Appl. No.: 10/730,606

Appl. Filing Date: 12/8/2003

Examiner: Stewart Alvin I

Art Unit: 3774

Confirmation 4015

Number:

$\frac{\textbf{REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)}}{\textbf{TRANSMITTAL}}$

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[X]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on				
	October 19, 2009 .				
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.				
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on				
[]	Other				
b. En	closed are:				
[]	Amendment/Reply.				
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).				
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.				
[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).				
[]	Other.				
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[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	42	-	42	=	0	x	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	5	-	5	=	0	x	\$220.00	=	\$0.00

First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS	S FEE	TOTAL:	=-	\$810.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	0	\$0.00	
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00		\$0.00	
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$0.00	
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00		\$0.00	
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00	
	\$0.00				
	\$0.00				
	\$0.00				
		\$810.00			
[X]	X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)				
	\$405.00				

The above-identified fees of \$405.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date November 17, 2009

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